



181017-A-XB980-003 PANAMA CANAL (Oct. 17, 2018) The hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) transits the Panama Canal on its way to South America for the Enduring Promise medical support mission. Comfort will provide care during stops in Ecuador, Peru, Colombia and Honduras over the next two months. (Courtesy U.S. Embassy Panama/Released)

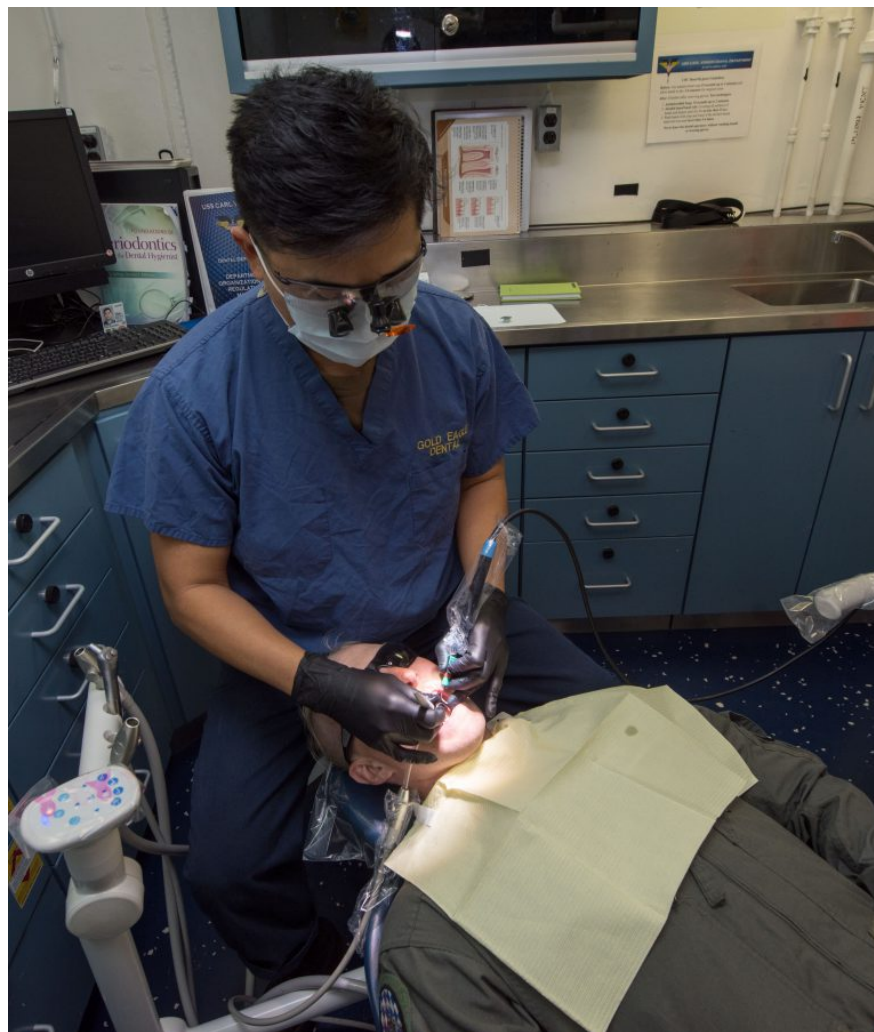
FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN OCTOBER 2018 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during October 2018.



181003-N-RM689-0066 SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 3, 2018) Lt. Allison Christ, left, an intensive care unit registered nurse at Naval Medical Center Balboa in San Diego, and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Brittanie Haring right,, a native of Massillon, Ohio, place a chest tube

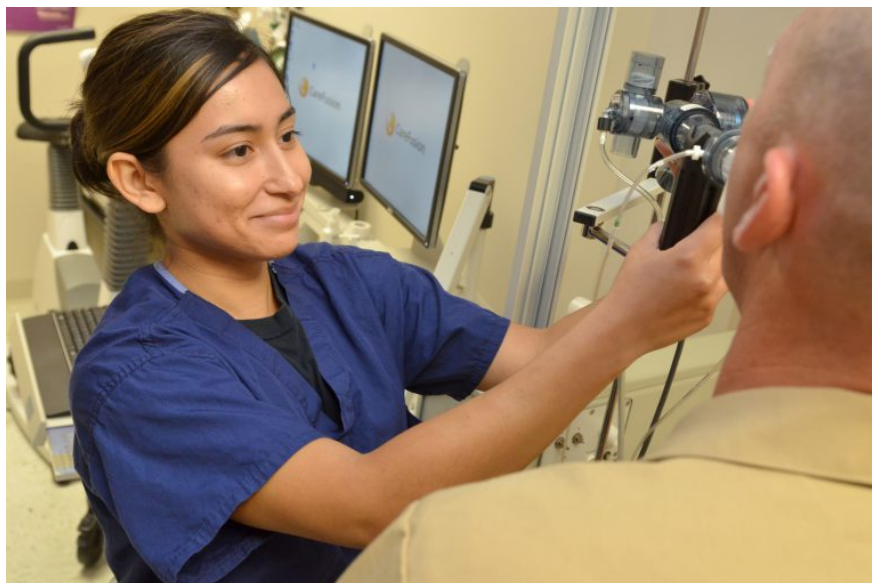
in a simulated patient using augmented reality glasses as part of a tele-medical training exercise during San Francisco Fleet Week 2018. San Francisco Fleet Week is an opportunity for the American public to meet their Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard teams and experience America's sea services. During fleet week, service members participate in various community service events, showcase capabilities and equipment to the community, and enjoy the hospitality of San Francisco and its surrounding areas. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelsey L. Adams/Released)



181013-N-IU965-0182 PACIFIC OCEAN (Oct. 13, 2018) Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Rodd Monzon cleans the teeth of Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kurtis Hatcher aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Michele Fink/Released)



181022-N-SG189-1011 ESMERALDAS, Ecuador (Oct. 22, 2018) Lt. Emily Norris, left, and Lt. Cmdr. Mark Johnson perform an umbilical hernia surgery aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20). Comfort is on an 11-week medical support mission to Central and South America as part of U.S. Southern Command's Enduring Promise initiative. Working with health and government partners in Ecuador, Peru, Colombia and Honduras, the embarked medical team will provide care on board and at land-based medical sites, helping to relieve pressure on national medical systems caused partly by an increase in cross-border migrants. The deployment reflects the United States' enduring promise of friendship, partnership and solidarity with the Americas. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman J. Keith Wilson/Released)



181026-N-AW702-002 JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 26, 2018) Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Gisell McVey, from Yuma, Ariz., a respiratory technician onboard Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., performs a pulmonary function test on a patient, Oct. 26, 2018. McVey says "We treat conditions such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, cystic fibrosis, and pneumonia. Our team is dedicated to getting the patients healthy again so they can live their life." (U.S. Navy photo by Jacob Sippel/Released)

